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Letter dated 14 February 2012 from the Chair of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to inform you that, by a letter dated 13 February 2012 addressed to the Chair of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of Ecuador conveyed the decision of his Government to become a member of the Committee, to which it had already been granted observer status (see annex).

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, at its 339th meeting, held on 13 February 2012, welcomed the decision of Ecuador and approved its request. In the view of the Committee, this reflects the growing international support for its efforts to achieve a comprehensive, just and lasting settlement of the question of Palestine.

In light of the above, and since the membership of the Committee has been established by the General Assembly, I have the honour to request that you bring the matter to the attention of the Assembly for its approval.

(*Signed*) Abdou Salam **Diallo**
Chair
Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

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Annex

Palestine has always been a topic in the diplomatic affairs and foreign policy agenda of the Government of Ecuador. The support of Ecuador for all of the United Nations resolutions on Palestine and the recognition of Palestine as an independent State has shown its solidarity with the Palestinian people.

In this context and in order to reaffirm once again support for Palestinian rights, I have the honour to inform you of the decision of the Government of President Rafael Correa to become a State member of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

(*Signed*) Diego **Morejón**
Deputy Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the United Nations
Chargé d'affaires a.i.